Territories in the country, including the State of Orissa. As far as co-operative institutions in Orissa are concerned a similar scheme was formulated by the State Government, which also came into force from 15th May, 1990.

(d) As far as public sector banks are concerned, claims preferred by individual banks were reimbursed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and funds were not released state-wise. As far as Regional Rural Banks, Cooperative Banks and State Land Development Banks are concerned, the funds were released by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). An amount of Rs. 18.61 crores and Rs. 1.63 crores was released as grant and loan respectively to institutions in Orissa by NABARD during the period 1st January, 1994 to 30th June, 1995.

नई शाखाएं खोलने के लिए शर्तें

224. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बैंक की नई शाखा खोलने के लिए कुछ विशेष शर्तें पूरी करनी पड़ती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ग्रामीण और शहरी क्षेत्रों में नई शाखाएं खोलने के लिए पृथक-पृथक क्या शर्तें है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) तथा (ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की मौजूदा नीति के तहत, अलग-अलग बैंकों पर यह निर्णय लेने का कार्य छोड़ दिया गया है कि वे अपनी ग्रामीण शाखाओं से संबंधित सेवा क्षेत्रों में अतिरिक्त शाखाएं खोलने के लिए संभावित केन्द्रों/गांवों का पता लगाएं। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक आवेदक बैंकों के सेवा क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत आने वाले केन्द्रों/गांवों में अतिरिक्त ग्रामीण शाखाएं खोलने के लिए ऐसे नए प्रस्तावों पर विचार करता है, जो संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा विधिवत अनुशासित हों। पिछड़े/पर्वतीय/जनजातीय/दूर-दराज के क्षेत्रों की विशिष्ट आवश्यकताओं को पूरा महत्व दिया जाता है। शहरी महानगरीय केन्द्रों के संदर्भ में, इन क्षेत्रों के बिना बैंक/कम बैंक वाले स्थानों में शाखाएं खोलने के लिए संभावित स्थानों का पता लगाने के लिए वर्ष 1990 के प्रारम्भ में आय किए गए थे और बाद में पता लगाए गये केन्द्र विभिन्न बैंकों को आवंटित कर दिए गए थे। शहरी/महानगरीय केन्द्रों में शाखाएं खोलने के लिए नए प्रस्तावों पर भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा गुणावगुण के आधार पर विचार किया जाता है।

Losses incurred by nationalised banks

225. **SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:**
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of nationalised banks, which pruned their losses during 1994-95;

(b) the amount of their losses during each of the last three years and the extent these banks have been able to bring down their losses;

(c) the extent of losses suffered by other nationalised banks during each of the last three years and steps banks have taken to reduce losses; and

(d) what is the amount of bad debt (i) recovered and (ii) written off by each nationalised bank during each of the last three years and till date and the reasons for writing off bad debts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) the requisite information is given in the enclosed statement-I (*See* below). Reserve Bank of India has impressed upon the banks the need to strengthen their credit appraisal machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Nationalised banks have been advised by RBI to prepare action plans on key areas of their working. Emphasis has also been laid on reduction of expenses.

(d) Amounts of bad debts written off by each of the nationalised banks during each of the last three years are given in the Statement-II. Information regarding recoveries and reasons for writing off of bad debts is being collected.

Statement-I

Names of the Nationalised Banks which prused their losses during 1994-95 alongwith their amounts of losses during the last three years

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	1993	1994	1995
1.	Allahabad Bank	−105.89	−367.72	−76.36
2.	Andhra Bank	−141.08	−162.25	NR
3.	Bank of India	−331.12	−1089.15	50.35
4.	Bank of Maharashtra	−196.51	−296.93	− 40.80
5.	Central Bank of India	−383.31	−711.93	− 84.24
6.	Dena Bank	− 90.46	− 69.84	30.02
7.	Indian Bank	− 6.51	−390.65	NR
8.	Indian Overseas Bank	−752.74	−351.18	10.38
9.	New Bank of India	− 75.79	(X)	(X)
10.	Punjab & Sind Bank	−195.19	−175.99	− 7.42
11.	Syndicate Bank	−670.08	−299.40	− 91.79
12.	United Bank of India	−279.36	−618.06	NR
13.	UCO Bank	−444.19	−546.45	− 83.81
14.	Vijaya Bank	− 97.88	− 4.10	31.70

Note:
(X) Merged with Punjab National Bank
NR—Balance-sheet not yet received.
'—' Indicates Loss.

Statement-II

Amount of bad debts written off by the nationalised banks during the last three years.

(Amount in Lakhs of Rs.)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Allahabad Bank	93.67	127.28	3584.00
2.	Andhra Bank	1015.50	8282.97	13163.33
3.	Bank of Baroda	14927.34	12027.43	48997.52
4.	Bank of India	18882.12	17374.26	32846.78
5.	Bank of Maharashtra	147.42	102.01	142.01
6.	Canara Bank	5595.67	39548.26	15230.27

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
7.	Central Bank of India	3627.56	197.70	10557.27
8.	Corporation Bank	2887.55	3273.36	6207.53
9.	Dena Bank	2677.79	8701.01	12371.73
10.	Indian Bank	447.30	76.16	600.70
11.	Indian Overseas Bank	89.88	419.25	461.09
12.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	176.00	165.00	260.13
13.	Punjab National Bank	5144.75	19412.34	36550.00
14.	Punjab & Sind Bank	637.43	11282.40	15139.45
15.	Syndicate Bank	141.06	118.55	857.70
16.	Union Bank of India	3531.30	4412.62	8236.90
17.	United Bank of India	205.00	156.00	1182.00
18.	UCO Bank	5593.56	27346.67	36866.35
19.	Vijaya Bank	213.70	304.23	451.26
20.	New Bank of India	19.76	113.21	(X)

(X)—Merged with Punjab National Bank.

Grant of tax holiday

226. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the policy statement made by him in the General Budget Speech for 1995-96 to grant tax holiday in respect of investment made in infrastructure sector to encourage development of this sector, Government have considered the grant of tax holiday in respect of different lines of investment comprising this sector other than those specifically identified in the budget speech, such as railway projects; and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions since taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The tax concession for building, owning and maintaing and operation of an infrastructure facility, as introduced through the Finance Act, 1995, is available to the rail system as well.

Central Excise case pending in Courts

227. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number cases pending in the Supreme Court/High Courts/Tribunal relating to central excise as on 1st August, 1995;

(b) since when these are pending and the reasons for these cases not being finalised and the details of the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of the cases; and